

Coumadin: Med Started Before Lab Tests Back.

A nursing home resident's physician ordered lab tests to determine her suitability for Coumadin, but the nursing staff apparently went ahead with the Coumadin before the labs results came back and were evaluated by the physician. The patient had to be hospitalized after she began spitting up blood and bleeding rectally.

The patient's lawsuit in the Superior Court, Riverside County, California settled for \$100,000. **Incardone v. Ben Bennett Inc., 2008 WL 1847175 (Sup. Ct. Riverside Co., California, March 17, 2008).**